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In re

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"MOTORCYCLE FUEL TANK MOUNTING

ARRANGEMENT"

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<u>COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R.</u> <u>1.104(E)</u>

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Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed January 18, 2005.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-14 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of independent claims 1 and 8 and are not the only reasons that claims 1-14 are allowable. Claims 1 and 8 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features

not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art. Additionally, each of dependent claims 2-7 and 9-14 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

As such, claims 1-14 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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